



## THE SALEM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association is updating its *Alumni Directory*. The 2010 edition of the directory will be the first comprehensive update and publication of alumni information since 2005.

The SEF&AA Board of Directors selected Harris Connect of Chesapeake, Virginia, as its partner to collect current information for the over 20,000 graduates of all Salem high schools past and present. Alumni of the Salem High School on Academy Street (1895-1912), the Salem High School on Broad Street (1912-1933), the Roanoke County Training School (1921-40), Andrew Lewis High School (1933-77), G. W. Carver High School (1939-66), and the current Salem High School on Spartan Drive (1977-present) will be given the opportunity to update their directory information.

Post cards were mailed to all known alumni on May 28 with a toll free number for alumni to call to provide their current biographical information. To verify or update their records, alumni may call 1-800-357-4234.

When the project is complete, the SEF&AA will have a searchable electronic database of alumni. Graduates will be listed by class year and location. In addition, a password protected online community will be available for use by alumni.

Alumni are being given the opportunity to purchase a print copy or a CD of the directory. The Foundation will receive royalties from the sale of print and electronic copies of the directory based on the number of units sold. The royalties will be used to support the Foundation's activities, which include establishing and awarding scholarships to graduates of Salem High School, supporting class and school reunions, recognizing the accomplishments of Salem school alumni through the Salem School Alumni Hall of Fame, and rewarding excellence in teaching by annually recognizing the City of Salem School Division's teachers of the year.

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